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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with Lawrence Houston, General Counsel

25X1A9a 1. Mr. Houston's length of service in the Agency as General
Counsel and his close relationship in all legal matters to the DCI s
have given him first hand knowledge of legislation concerning real
estate and building construction matters. [REDACTED] the current
Legislative Counsel has had no legal or legislative background sur-
rounding the acquisition of real estate and the construction of the
present Headquarters Building. I informed Mr. Houston that
25X1A9a [REDACTED] had expressed this lack to me and that I had, in turn, told
him that both he (Mr. Houston) and [REDACTED] the Deputy General
Counsel, had lived through the planning and construction period and
25X1A9a that [REDACTED] had been the Legislative Counsel for a part of that
time. [REDACTED] will undoubtedly talk to both in developing a neces-
sary background for preparing the approaches to Congress on acquisi-
tion of land and the construction of additional facilities at the
Headquarters site or elsewhere, if such an alternative is pursued
beyond internal Agency considerations.

2. I briefed Mr. Houston on the plans as they now stand and on
the mission of the BPS. He will be glad to assist us in any way
when called upon.

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Chief
Building Planning Staff, OL

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